

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
SOUTH DAKOTA

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FILTER STRIP
CODE 393**

Landowner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

Operation and Maintenance Items

Operation and maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with NRCS assistance. The landuser is responsible for proper O&M throughout the life of the practice and as may be required by Federal, state or local laws or regulations.

Operation refers to operation of the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements; and in such a manner that will result in the least adverse impact on the environment and will permit the practice to serve the purpose for which it was installed. Maintenance includes work to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components which fail.

Necessary operation and maintenance items for this practice include:

- ☐ Maintain vigorous growth of vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilizing and application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing or short term grazing may also be needed to control height. Limit livestock usage to vegetative growth periods when vegetation root systems will not be damaged or soil compacted.
- ☐ Remove all foreign debris that hinders system operation.
- ☐ Avoid excessive travel on any portion of the system that will harm or destroy the vegetative cover.
- ☐ Repair any rodent, burrowing animal, vandalism, vehicle, or livestock damage.
- ☐ Maintain fences to prevent unauthorized human access or uncontrolled grazing.

Other _____

